

Stated Meeting, March 18, 1898.

Dr. I. MINIS HAYS in the Chair.

Present, 11 members.

Acknowledgments of election to membership were read from Charles F. Scott, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; George H. Darwin, of Cambridge, Eng.; S. Dana Greene, of New York, and L. B. Stillwell, of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Correspondence was submitted and donations to the Library and Cabinet were reported.

Announcement was made of the death of Sir Henry Bessemer, at his residence near London, on March 15, 1898, in the 85th year of his age; and of the Rev. Dr. Edward A. Foggo, at Philadelphia, March 8, 1898, aged 64.

The following communications were presented:

By R. H. Mathews, "Initiation Ceremonies of the Native Tribes of Australia."

By W. B. Scott, "A Preliminary Note on the Selenodont Artiodactyls of the Uinta Formation."

Pending nominations Nos. 1432 and 1451 to 1453 and new nominations Nos. 1454 to 1457 were read.

The Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

INITIATION CEREMONIES OF AUSTRALIAN TRIBES.

(Plate V.)

BY R. H. MATHEWS, L.S.

(*Read March 18, 1898.*)

The Koombangary tribe, which was at one time both numerous and important, inhabits the country from the south side of the Clarence river along the sea-coast about as far as Nambucca, extending westerly almost to the main dividing range. On the south they are bounded by the Thangatty tribe, occupying the Macleay river. The Anaywan tribe, scattered over the table-land of New South Wales, bound the Thangatty and Koombangary people on